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On November 18, an investigative report exposed problems with the Department of Health Services environmental health housing inspection process, failure of enforcement, and public access to inspection reports and risk ratings.

In the past five years, 9,000 buildings have been inspected and assigned a numerical score and a risk rating. These rankings are not made available to the public, unlike the County's restaurant grades which are required to be posted at the facility or available on the Internet.

The report also revealed that the rating system does not accurately quantify the severity of health violations. Vermin infestation in a restaurant warrants immediate closure, while inspected buildings with deplorable conditions including vermin infestation and mold have often received satisfactory scores and risk ratings.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Instruct the Auditor/Controller to work with the Director of Health Services to conduct a full investigation into the Department of Health Services housing inspection and enforcement program and rating procedures.; and

2. Instruct the Director of Health Services to evaluate a system that allows public access to inspection reports and posted letter grades and report back in 14 days.

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